

2015 Phil Pickens Leadership Award Nominee



April Lee

Parent Mentor, Wayne County

««Leadership Accomplishments

- 2012 Parent to Parent of Georgia Community Impact Award Finalist
- 2014 Phil Pickens Leadership Award nominee
- GaDOE Transition Team member
- Co-Manager for GSU Georgia Futures Facilitators
- GaPMP

««Modeling Collaboration and Partnership

- Co-Trainer with psychologist on Cultural Competency
- Local team member for GaDOE CCaR Project on Transition
- Contributed to professional development during G-CASE Spring Leadership, GLRS Regional Transition Training, and IDEA Conference
- Collaborates with teachers to support families whose children are transitioning into preschool

««Building Home/School/Community Partnerships

- Parent and team leader for Buddy Ball, reaching about 60 families per year
- Extended opportunities for family respite with faith-based leaders
- Trained and supported 30 families on self-determination, behavior intervention, transition planning, IEP roles, community building and connecting to resources
- Organized a team to host Youth in Community Summit for at-risk youth to engage family, school and community partners

««Leadership and Involvement with GaPMP

- Leadership Council member for six years
- Researched and shared material and practices to improve GaPMP accountability and showcase family engagement efforts
- Provided training at Regional University meetings
- Assisted in the design of a new reporting process
- Represented GaPMP in various GaDOE projects (C.A.F.E., TASH, ASPIRE, Focus Monitoring, GraduateFIRST, to name a few)



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